



7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 23, 2025

# St. Bernadette Catholic Church

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## PARISH MASS SCHEDULE

### WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday (Vigil) 5:00pm  
Sunday 8:30am, 10:15am  
12:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm

### WEEKDAY MASSES

**EARLY MORNING MASS:**  
Wednesday 6:30am

### MORNING MASSES:

Monday, Tuesday,  
Thursday, Friday 8:00am  
Saturday 9:00am

### EVENING MASS:

Wednesday 7:30pm

## PARISH CONFESSIONS

Wednesdays  
6:30pm-7:15pm  
Fridays  
8:30am-9:30am  
Saturdays  
4:00pm-4:45pm

## ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT

First Fridays of month  
8:30am-12:00pm (Angelus at Noon)  
All other Fridays  
8:30am-9:30am

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

### Monday to Friday

9am-4:30pm  
Closed for lunch 12:30-1:30pm  
Office is CLOSED TO  
WALK-INS on FRIDAYS

### Wednesday 6pm-9pm

### Saturday 9:00am-1:00pm

### Sunday 9:00am-1:30pm

### Website:

<http://stbernajax.com>



## From the Pastor's Desk

My dear friends,

Today's Gospel reminds us that one of the most important qualities of a Christian is that we ALWAYS go the extra mile for people - in giving, in forgiving, in helping, in caring. While our faith can be a very personal matter and our prayer life and spiritual life very much internal and between us and God, our every actions must

be in consideration of others, as Jesus our Lord cared first and foremost about us! What makes our parish community special is the generosity of every member - and so let us consider the ways we give to others, and let's all (Fr. Daniel and myself included) step it up a notch this week!

May God bless you,

*Father Chris*

## Sacraments

**Baptisms** - every 2nd and 4th Saturdays at 11:00am. A mandatory Baptism class must be attended and required registration forms completed. Please call the Parish Office or email [office@stbernajax.com](mailto:office@stbernajax.com)

**First Confession/Communion** - with Parish Schools or Parish Program offered. Please speak to Robert or email [lpa@stbernajax.com](mailto:lpa@stbernajax.com)

**Confirmation** - with Parish Schools or Parish Program offered. Please speak to Robert or email [lpa@stbernajax.com](mailto:lpa@stbernajax.com)

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** - Adults requiring Baptism, Confirmation, or reception into the Catholic Church. Please speak to Robert or email [lpa@stbernajax.com](mailto:lpa@stbernajax.com)

**Christian Initiation for Young People** - For young people ages 7 through 16, age-appropriate classes will be offered to help our young people receive all Sacraments of Initiation. Please speak to Robert or email [lpa@stbernajax.com](mailto:lpa@stbernajax.com)

**Marriage** - Contact the Parish Office one year in advance and one of the priests will arrange an appointment with you.

**Sacrament of the Sick** - Contact the Parish Office immediately.

## Parish Staff

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Deacon Ron Vaz

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## Registering is Important

Registering in your Catholic parish is important because it signifies your active participation in our community, allows you to access sacraments and parish services, contribute to the life of the church, and build meaningful connections with fellow parishioners within your local area; essentially, it's a way to formally become part of your local Catholic community and actively live out your faith. In a practical way, registering also helps our parish office to provide statistics which are an important way we plan ahead. It is especially important if you worship with us but live outside of the parish boundaries - if you make official requests, unfortunately we are left asking you to contact the geographic parish where you reside. If you are not currently registered, please consider registering with this one easy step: [Click here to register](#)

## Public Prayer Requests

As of **Sunday March 2**, we will no longer be listing public prayer requests in the parish bulletin and names will not be announced in the Prayers of the Faithful at Mass. So, all names currently located there will be dropped at that time. This is so that we may adhere more closely to the Freedom of Information & Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA). We will post names on the Bulletin Board and LED Monitor located in the Narthex, but will require that the person themselves, a spouse or sibling with the permission of the individual make the request. Also, the Presider of the Wednesday 6:30am Mass will remember each of these people (as well as all private names) in his unannounced Mass intention that morning. Please direct any questions you may have to the parish office.

## Praying for Our People



Praying for one another is an important part of our Christian Discipleship, the mission entrusted to us by Jesus. We pray for all those

who are sick in our parish, for:

**Carmen Flores, Desmond Vieira, Luisa Matthias, Helen Holmes, Anne Sinclair, Fred Chafe, Jaime Villafuerte, Margaret Ayers, Roland Gregory, Clarette Escobar, Dora Jerry, Faye Marechal, Heather Machado, Rachelle Mendoza, Esperanza Thorne, Brenda Popko, and Patricia Wedge.**

*We pray also for those who have died and their family and friends who mourn their passing.*

## The Gift of Parish Giving



Jesus reveals to us the importance of our gift of giving. Two examples He offers us are the stories of the Good Samaritan and the Widow's Mite. Tithing is important for us all and should never be thought of "just giving money". It is about a Christian community of Disciples sharing with one another, giving for one another. For Fr. Chris as the pastor - it is also important that he and the staff and Parish Finance Council provide as much transparency as we can so that we, as a community are aware that your hard-earned and generous gift is used well.

**January's Offertory Total:** \$ 9,485.00  
**Building Fund:** \$ 4,749.21

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday February 22<sup>nd</sup> - The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

900am + Anthony Lewis  
+ Evelyn Lewis  
~ Shiven Daniel Jayasekera  
~ Sarah Victor  
~ In thanksgiving to St Bernadette  
500pm + Fr. Dan Palillo

### Sunday February 23<sup>rd</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

830am + Dylan Gilmour  
500pm ~ In thanksgiving for Fatima La Madrid  
700pm + Tine Schut

### Monday February 24<sup>th</sup>

800am + Sonia Lim

### Tuesday February 25<sup>th</sup>

800am ~ Ann McGarry

### Wednesday February 26<sup>th</sup>

730pm + Carlos Oliveira  
+ Ligoury Mendonca  
+ Grace Mendonca  
~ Antonela Sakeh

### Thursday February 27<sup>th</sup> - St. Gregory of Narek

800am + Gil Sto. Domingo

### Friday February 28<sup>th</sup>

800am ~ The Nash Family

### Saturday March 1<sup>st</sup>

900am + Miroslaw Bialy  
+ Lawrence Nunes  
+ Sebastina Nunes  
+ Erman Mazzarolo  
~ Shiven Daniel Jayasekera  
500pm + Deceased members of the Kennedy Family

## February Anniversaries

It is always important that our community celebrates and experiences the witness of anniversaries of marriage!

This month we celebrate with:

Feb 4 Glory Roset & Kevin Nobel (1 year)  
Feb 13 Beatrice & Robert Zuzarte (40 years)  
Feb 20 Rosemarie & Charmeon Mangaser (31 years)  
Feb 28 Cheryl & Gord Nash (50 years)

## \*\*New Parish Office Hours\*\*

The parish office now opens Wednesday evenings 6:00pm-9:00pm.

Change to weekend hours:

Saturdays 9:00am - 1:00pm

Sunday 9:00am - 1:30pm

## Coffee Sunday



Please join us this weekend for Coffee Sunday on **February 23rd**, after the 8:30am, 10:15am, and 12:00noon Masses, in the parish hall. Enjoy fresh coffee and light refreshments. It's a great opportunity to connect with friends and meet new faces in our church community. **The next Coffee Sunday - March 9th.**

## EDGE CAMP EAST 2025

Registration opens on **March 1**. Click link to register:

<https://edgencamp.campbrainregistration.com>

Dates: August 16 - August 20, 2025

Where: Camp White Pine, Haliburton ON

Who can go: EDGE youth in grades 5-8

Cost: \$500.00 per camper (until April 30, afterwards the cost will be \$575.00)



**JUNIOR EDGE** (grades 1-4)

Night #8: Backward Games | Mon Feb 24 | 6:30pm-8pm

MOVIE Night: Inside Out | Mon. Mar. 3 | 6:15pm-8pm

*\*Note no Junior Edge on Monday March 10 due to March Break\**

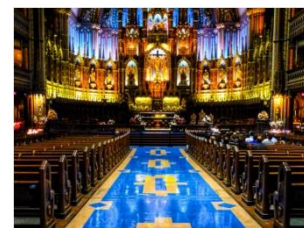
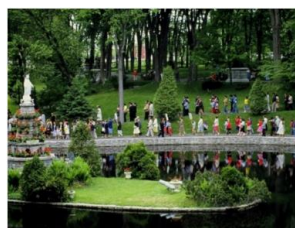
**EDGE** (grades 5-8)

Night #8: Upside Down | Fri Feb 28 | 7pm-8:30pm

EDGE Overnight Lenten Retreat | Mar. 7-8 | Fair Havens Beaverton

*\*Note no Edge on Friday March 7 due to Edge Lenten Retreat & no Edge on Friday March 14 due to March Break\**

## Marian Pilgrimage – June 2025



**June 2-5, 2025**, join us on a bus pilgrimage to Ottawa, Trois-Rivières, Quebec City, and Montreal as we visit Marian sites such as the Grotte de Notre Dame de Lourdes, Our Lady of the Cape, St. Anne de Beauré, and St. Joseph's Oratory. Cost is \$1330 per person for double occupancy, (\$315 single supplement). A deposit of \$350 is required upon registration. Your package includes: deluxe motor coach transportation, hotel accommodation, 3 breakfasts and 3 dinners.

**Registration deadline is February 25, 2025.** For more information please contact Robert - [lpa@stbernajax.com](mailto:lpa@stbernajax.com)

## Catholic Mom's Group

St. Bernadette Catholic Mothers' Group meets again on **Thursday, March 27th** at 8:00 pm. This month, we welcome Dr. Julia Cataudella, MD, NFPMC - Fertility Care Medical Consultant. Dr. Julia will be on hand to discuss and answer medical questions related to our fertility and general health. Calling all moms to attend! Contact Cathy Haynes for location and details. [haynes.cathy@gmail.com](mailto:haynes.cathy@gmail.com)

## Pilgrims of Hope

### Celebrating the Jubilee Year



Father Chris will lead the Lenten Jubilee Day of Recollection on **Saturday April 5, 2025**, starting with Mass at 9:00am, followed by a series of reflections on hope, small group discussion as well as time for personal prayer and reflection and concluding at 2:30pm. Lunch will be provided, registration required so we can plan for lunch and for the day. Father Daniel will offer confession, so that those who attend and wish to receive the Jubilee Indulgence may do so. Please [click here to register](#) or contact the parish office to reserve your spot.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

WINTER  
2025

February 16-22		
<p><b>Sunday February 16th</b> After all morning Masses - Altar Servers Fundraising Breakfast (Hall)</p> <p><b>Monday February 17th - FAMILY DAY</b></p> <p><b>Tuesday February 18th</b> 2:00pm - Legion of Mary (Council Room) 6:00pm - Confirmation Class (Hall) 6:45pm - Knights of Columbus Membership Meeting (Ajax Public Library) 7:15pm - Catholic Women's Guild (Stage Side) 7:30pm - RCIA Class (St Bernadette CES)</p>	<p><b>Wednesday February 19th</b> 9:30am - Bible Study (Stage Side) 6:00pm - First Communion Class (Hall) 6:00pm - Confirmation Enrolment Meeting (Kitchen Side)</p> <p><b>Thursday February 20th</b> 6:30pm - Alpha Course (Hall) 7:00pm - Finance Council Meeting (Boardroom)</p>	<p><b>Friday February 21st</b> 9:30am - Our Lady of Victory Rosary Makers (Kitchen Side) 7:00pm - Jesus Youth (Hall)</p> <p><b>Saturday February 22nd</b> 8:30am - Alpha Retreat (Hall) 9:30am - RCIC Class (Council Room) 11:00am - Baptism 11:00am - First Communion Class (Council Room)</p>
February 23-March 1		
<p><b>Sunday February 23rd</b> After all morning Masses - Coffee Sunday (Hall)</p> <p><b>Monday February 24th</b> 9:30am - Faith Studies (Stage Side) 6:30pm - Junior EDGE (Hall)</p> <p><b>Tuesday February 25th</b> 2:00pm - Legion of Mary (Council Room) 6:00pm - Confirmation Class (Hall) 7:30pm - RCIA Class (Hall)</p>	<p><b>Wednesday February 26th</b> 6:00pm - First Communion Class (Stage Side) 6:00pm - Confirmation Enrolment Meeting (Kitchen Side)</p> <p><b>Thursday February 27th</b> 6:30pm - Alpha Course (Hall)</p>	<p><b>Friday February 28th</b> 9:15am - Our Lady of Victory Rosary Makers (Kitchen Side) 7:00pm - EDGE (Hall)</p> <p><b>Saturday March 1st</b> 9:30am - RCIC Class (Hall) 10:00am - Confirmation Enrolment Meeting (Kitchen Side) 11:00am - First Communion Class (Hall)</p>
March 2-8		
<p><b>Monday March 3</b> 9:30am - Faith Studies (Stage Side) 6:30pm - Junior EDGE (Hall) 7:00pm - SSVP Meeting (Council Room)</p> <p><b>Tuesday March 4</b> 2:00pm - Legion of Mary (Council Room) 7:30pm - RCIA Class (Hall)</p>	<p><b>Wednesday March 5 - Ash Wednesday</b> 6:00pm - First Communion Class (Stage Side)</p> <p><b>Thursday March 6</b> 10:00am - Hope &amp; Life (Widows Group) Hall 6:30pm - Alpha Course (Hall)</p>	<p><b>Friday March 7</b> 7:00pm - EDGE (Hall)</p> <p><b>Saturday March 8th</b> 10:00am - Confirmation Enrolment Meeting (Kitchen Side) 11:00am - First Communion Class (Council Room)</p>
March 9-15		
<p><b>Sunday March 9</b> After all morning Masses - Coffee Sunday (Hall)</p> <p><b>Monday March 10</b> 9:30am - Faith Studies (Hall) 7:00pm - Knights of Columbus Meeting (Council Room)</p>	<p><b>Tuesday March 11</b> 2:00pm - Legion of Mary (Council Room) 7:00pm - CWG Planning Meeting (Council Room)</p> <p><b>Wednesday March 12</b> 6:00pm - Confirmation Enrollment Meetings (Hall)</p>	<p><b>Friday March 14</b> 9:15am - Our Lady of Victory Rosary Makers (Kitchen Side)</p> <p><b>Saturday March 15</b> 9:30am - St. Joseph's Men's Prayer Gathering (Hall) 11:30am - Art Social (Hall) 6:00pm - Ministry Fair (Hall)</p>



# *Lent & Easter Parish Schedule*

## **Ash Wednesday Masses March 5<sup>th</sup>**

6:30am | 5:00pm | 7:30pm

## **Stations of the Cross – 7:30pm**

(each Friday of Lent)

Led by select parish ministries

## **Lenten Day of Confession Wednesday March 26<sup>th</sup>**

10:00am - 1:00pm & 4:30pm – 7:00pm

## **Lenten Jubilee Day of Recollection**

**Saturday April 5<sup>th</sup>**

9:00am - 2:00pm (starts with Mass)

## **Lenten Penance Service**

7:00pm - 9:00pm (until we finish)

## **Catechumens & Candidates Day of Recollection Saturday April 12<sup>th</sup>**

9:00am - 2:00pm (starts with Mass)

## **Confessions – Wednesday April 16<sup>th</sup>**

6:00pm to 7:15pm

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# *Holy Week & Easter*

## **Holy Thursday (Mass of the Lord's Supper)**

**Thursday April 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm**

Procession of the Blessed Sacrament and Adoration  
in the Chapel of Repose (Parish Hall)

## **Good Friday - Friday April 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Outdoor Stations of the Cross – 9:30am (rain or shine)**

**Good Friday Services - 11:00am | 1:00pm | 3:00pm**

## **Holy Saturday - Saturday April 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Blessing of Easter Baskets – 9:30am SHARP in the Parish Hall**

Easter Rehearsals & Decorating – starts at 9:00am

Church closed to public all day

## **Easter Vigil starts at 8:00pm**

(come early for seating and Parish Hall overflow)

## **Easter Masses - Sunday April 20<sup>th</sup>**

Masses at 8:00am | 9:30am | 11:00am | 12:30pm

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**MY SOUL LONGS**

Here is a YouTube Channel for the viewing of their music:

<https://bit.ly/3U3Rpxi>

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